GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:2
ANSWERED ON:18.07.2016
New Education Policy
Adsul Shri Anandrao ;Gupta Shri Sudheer;Raut Shri Vinayak Bhaurao

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up any panel to formulate a New Education Policy and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the States have been consulted prior to finalisation of the policy and if so, the details of such States and those remaining so far;
(c) whether the said panel has submitted its report and if so, the details thereof including the main recommendations and the progress made so far by the Government towards the formulation of the New Education Policy; and
(d) the time by which the policy is likely to be implemented and the benefits accrued in the rural areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 2 FOR REPLY ON 18.07.2016 ASKED BY SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT AND SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL REGARDING NEW EDUCATION POLICY

(a) to (d): The Government initiated the process of formulating a New Education Policy (NEP), for which it carried out nearly a year-long consultation process across 33 identified themes. It proceeded on three parallel tracks-online consultations through MyGov.in; grass-root consultation starting from village level to block, district, state and zonal levels; and thematic consultations with experts conducted by MHRD and its various autonomous bodies. The consultation process for the formulation of New Education Policy was discussed with all the States on 21st March 2015 and was also an agenda item in the 63rd CABE meeting held on 19th August, 2015. Six zonal meetings were also held on NEP with the State Education Ministers, State Education Secretaries and other state officials. The State Governments played a very important role in the entire consultation process, especially the grassroots level consultations.

The Ministry had constituted a 5-member Committee for Evolution of the New Education Policy on 31st October 2015 under the chairmanship of Shri T.S.R. Subramanian, former Cabinet Secretary to the Government of India. The other four members of the Committee were Smt. Shailaja Chandra, former Chief Secretary, NCT of Delhi; Shri Sevaram Sharma, former Home Secretary, NCT of Delhi; Shri Sudhir Mankad, former Chief Secretary, Gujarat; and Prof. J.S. Rajput, former Director, NCERT. The Committee submitted its report on the 27th May, 2016. The Report of the Committee is available on the website of NUEPA and can be accessed at http://www.nuepa.org/New/download/NEP2016/ReportNEP.pdf.

After perusal of the report of the Committee and the recommendations from various consultations as well as other views and comments received, 'Some inputs for the draft National Education Policy, 2016' have been formulated and these can be accessed on the MHRD website at http://mhrd.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/Inputs_Draft_NEP_2016.pdf. Comments/Suggestions have been invited up to 31st July, 2016.

The Ministry has already written to all Government of India Ministries and State Governments inviting comments/views/suggestions.

****